

- Mister Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Bob Hurley, Jr.

- Some may know Coach Hurley as the third high school career basketball coach to be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

- Some may know that despite limited resources, and no gym facility at St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, New Jersey, he recently led St. Anthony's High School basketball team to their 24<sup>th</sup> state championship and 4<sup>th</sup> national title, and has led teams to over 1,000 wins.

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- However, the more important numbers are those that show the impact that he has had on his players.

- In his nearly 40 year career, only 2 of his players have not attended college.

- And of those graduates, over 200 young men have continued to play college basketball, and 150 have received college scholarships.

- Coach Hurley sees the potential in his players, even when they don't see it themselves.
  
- He is an inspiration for young people, a true role model, and a father figure to many.
  
- I congratulate Coach Hurley, his players, and St. Anthony on their recent national title and wish them all much continued success.